Supply of computers in KVS

†2816. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answers to Unstarred Questions 1566 and 3100, given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th and 23rd March, 2001, respectively and state:

(a) the names of agencies which had been given contract by KVS for supply of computers, alongwith Adsii;

(b) the details of computers ordered and the contract rate on which order has been given for their supply;

(c) whether it is a fact that computers are available on very cheap rate in the market in comparison to the rate at which these have been purchased; and

(d) if so, the details and the justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has entered into a rate contract with M/s. Ed. CIL only for supply of hardware and software.

(b) Kendriya Vidyalayas were authorised to place orders directly with M/s .Ed. CIL specifying the brand out of M/s. HCL, WIPRO and ZENITH. The total number of schools that placed the orders with M/s. Ed. CIL as on March, 2001 is 679.

(c) and (d) Kendriya Vidyalayas were also permitted to acquire computers locally following the purchase procedure, if they found the prices to be lower. Some schools have purchased computers at lesser rates also.

Funds for science education and research

2817. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing adequate funds for science education and research activities in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the amount provided for the purpose during each of the last three years; and

(c) the amount utilised on science education and research activities, separately during the said period, year-wise?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The Government has always placed a high priority on Science and Technology in the country. The Department of Sec. and Hr. Education/University Grants Commission is providing funds for promotion of science education and research activities through its various schemes and programmes. In addition, Department of Science and Technology has also taken new initiatives to encourage research and development in science and technology.

(b) and (c) A statement indicating funds provided under various schemes/ programmes by these Departments and expenditure incurred is enclosed.

Statement

Funds provided under various schemes and programmes by these Departments and Expenditure

(Rs. in crores)

Programme	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001	
	Allocation	Actuals	Allocation	Actuals	Allocation	Actuals
Improvement of Science Education in Schools*	20.00	5.17	25.00	24.93	21.00	21.11
Special Assistance Programme in Humanities and Social Sciences.@	5.00	6.07	6.70	6.70	3.74	1.38
Major Research Projects in Humanities and Social Sciences@	3.80	3.41	3.77	3.76	13.67	13.62
Minor Research Projects in Humanities and Social Sciences@	31.35	1.77	2.61	2.27	4.05	1.67
Research Awards@	5.00	4.49	8.08	7.86	2.93	2.92
Teacher Fellowship@	1.50	—	3.11	0.09	6.40	8.29
COSIST@	5.49	5.85	8.52	8.52	7.41	7.41
SAP in Science@	12.50	11.43	13.84	13.82	11.85	11.41
Major Research Project in Science@	6.52	6.70	4.07	4.05	5.05	5.05

* Source of funding—MHRD
@ Source of funding—UGC

Programme	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001	
	Allocation	Actuals	Allocation	Actuals	Allocation	Actuals
Minor Research Project in Science@	2.64	1.98	1.59	1.70	2.40	1.61
COSIP@	0.30	0.04	—	0.08	2.20	2.20
USIC@	0.55	0.57	0.38	0.38	0.08	0.08
R & D Programmes#	58.48	59.01	67.25	67.87	74.30	74.30
Funds for improvement of infrastructure for R&D in universities and the higher educational institutions (FIST).#	—	—	—	—	19.00	19.00

@ Source of funding—UGC

Source of funding—DST

Shortage of KV teachers in Himachal Pradesh

2818. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details regarding sanctioned strength of teachers and those working at present in each of such schools in the State; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to meet this requirement?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The vacancies in respect of different category of teachers as on 01.05.2001 are as under:

PGT	—	29
TGT	—	22
PRT	—	02
Misc.	—	11
Head Master	—	01